

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

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Smithsburg Vicinity

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-IV-040  
District 7  
Map 26  
Parcel 128  
MAGI # 2205695404

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

19th Century Stone House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Gardenhour Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Smithsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Baker

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 2, Gardenhour Road

CITY, TOWN

Smithsburg

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21783

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 624

Folio #: 302

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This house is located on the north side of Gardenhour Road about 1/4 mile west of Maryland Route 64 north of Smithsburg in Washington County. It is constructed into a steep slope and faces south.

The main portion of the structure is a one and a half story, three bay limestone dwelling with a double porch included under the main roof span extending along the front elevation. Attached to the east gable end is a one story one bay brick addition on fieldstone foundations. To this has been added a small stair room in a frame addition sheathed with German siding.

The stone section has roughly coursed walls which show no decorative masonry associated with the doors and windows. Openings appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. Windows have narrow casings. Nine over six pane sashes are used at the main or upper level while the ground story which is exposed at the south elevation has six over six pane sashes. Doors appear to be centered in the ground and main stories. Each has paneled jambs matching the doors.

The double porch is supported by chamfered square posts linked at the upper level by a plain balustrade. At the main story the porch posts are arranged so that they are aligned with the doors and windows. The roof is sheathed with slates and extends beyond the end walls. A brick chimney is located inside the south end wall and has brick work evident below the gable peak.

The interior of the house is divided by a west to east partition extending the length of the house. One large room, the south part of the house has a fireplace in the east wall. Evidence of a change in flooring remains in the ~~northwest~~ **northwest corner** of the house and could suggest the possibility of there having been a stair in that location at one time.

Just west of the house is a stone and brick springhouse with its brick work showing common bonding at all elevations.

The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a property containing 4.11 acres, part of the tract of land called "Hospitality."

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This one and a half story stone house with its brick addition provides an example of Washington County's 19th century folk architecture. Having a double porch included under the main roofing system extending along the front elevation, it is part of a significant regional group. Building with stone is also important in the area where limestone is prominent in the landscape. Stone construction is traditional in southern Pennsylvania, northern Maryland and areas in Virginia where there is cultural influence from Pennsylvania.

The interior woodwork in this house as well as its style of exterior masonry would suggest a building date during the second quarter of the 19th century.

The house was once one of the improvements on a farm which contained almost 94 acres. On March 7, 1850 John and Nancy Stoner sold the farm to John Martin of Adams County, Pennsylvania for \$7515. The house remained in the Martin family until 1974 when it and its present acreage were sold off. (IN5/29, 82/268, 184/215, 298/338, 573/518). John Martin is discussed briefly in T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.11 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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WA-I-131

Stone  
Cellars

42°30'

WA-I-174-H  
WA-I-174-A

5463 II NW  
(HAGERSTOWN)

Bowman Mill



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MARYLAND

MASON 99

AND

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WASHINGTON

Rocky Forge

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Ringgold

Leitersburg

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